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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos.

Part B for *April 1898*

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SUBJECT.

*Proposal from Mr. Williams of Bombay for the
Manufacture of earth salt in Mysore.*

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MR

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

REVENUE BRANCH.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT.

Manufacture of earth-salt
in Mysore.

LAST REFERENCE.

Letter No. 6868 dated 18th March 1898
R 4109
from Mrs A. Williams of Bombay.

Mrs Williams proposes
to manufacture by a special
improved process, pure salt
equal to Table salt of English
manufacture and also market-
able salt for culinary
purposes, from crude
earth salt found in various
localities in the Province,
and from brine found in
most parts of the State.
He states that by means
of ~~the~~^{his} special process he
would

would be able to manu-
-facture ^{& sell} Salt at a cheaper
rate than Sea-Salt now in
use, and increase the revenue
of the State from this item.

The following are the rules
in force on this subject:-

1. In the late Chief Com-
-missioner's Report marginally
noted the following rules
were laid down:-

1. From and after the
1st of April 1874, the manu-
-facture of earth-salt
in villages situated within
five miles of the boundary
line between Mysore and
the Madras Presidency
is prohibited.

2. From and after the
above date, the exportation
of ^{earth} Sea-Salt from Mysore
to any District of the
Madras Presidency is
prohibited.

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2. The following rules were
laid down in the marginally
noted Notification:-

I. The System of farming

+ No. 6148 dated 6th Feb. 1874
R. 53

Vide page 132 of the Rev.
Manual.

+ No. 6386-94 dated 28/2/80
R 1114

Published at P. 131 of the Rev. Manual
of 1886

Salt should be at once discontinued.

II Licenses for the manufacture should be taken out from the Dy. Board for each pair. Such licenses being given only for the existing pairs or pairs which may be opened in substitution of others already in existence and which may fall into disrepair.

III Duty should be levied on each pair so licensed at rates which should be fixed by the Dy. Board with reference to the productivity of the locality but it should not be less than 3 Rs per pair per annum in any case. The land assessment on arable lands used for the manufacture of

paid irrespective of
the above duty.

IV The export of earth
Salt beyond the limits
of the Province is pro-
hibited.

3. The same rules were
laid down in Notifn No 113
dated 15-7-81.

+ Please see P. 131 of Rev. Manual
of 1886.
or
Serial No 22 Sec: III of the File.

4. Similar rules with
penalties for breach were
laid down in Progs: No
8936-59 dated 20th January
1879.

+ Please see P. 135 of do —

5. The process of manu-
-facture of earth Salt
from Crude deposits is
described in Memio No 476
dated 14-10-73.

+ Vide Serial No 19 Section I of
the File.

6. In his last letter Mr
Williams requests that
he may be temporarily
attached to the State in
any suitable capacity
pending

opportunity for carrying
out his project for the
manufacture of earth
salt which he deems
would be highly beneficial
to the State.

Secretary
Submitted for orders.

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30/3/98

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30/3/98

Under the Rules in
force, it does not seem
necessarily desirable with
Mr Williams' request.

Signed D. D. D.

R.D. D.
1.4.98

1/4/98

X { I think it
best to leave
matters as they
are - a reply
might suit
that there is
no chance of
Mr Williams
finding any
employment
in the coal

W.D.
2/4/98

This is an order of general
application which has
to be issued after mutual
consultation between the

29 & 30 / 48.

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Resolved to 27th for
instructions as to how such
matters should be dealt
with ~~the~~ ^{ie} the other they will
be passed on by himself
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should do it after return
of the papers by him of

Re 27th
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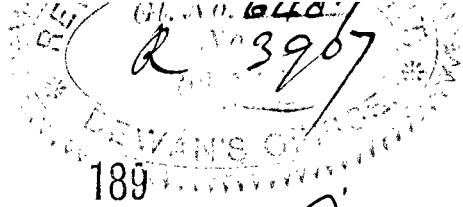
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the papers to all
the committees
who have to
deal with them

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From

Alexander Williams Esq.
Coll. Presp. London,
Bombay

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,

Dept.

Dated 2nd March 1898

Despatched

Received

General No. _____

No.

Enclosure No.

Explaining an improved
process of manufactur-
ing salt and adding
certain suggestions on
the subject for the
benefit of the Mysore
State.

References to be marked.

Bangalore 8th March 1898

My dear Sir,

I enclose a
letter received to the
address of Sir K. S. S. S.
Dr. S. S. S. S. S.
Alexander Williams,
Bombay—who says he with
another retired Lt. Engineer
is the sole Patentee of
an improved process
of manufacturing salt-
which I am desirous to
transfer to you for disposal.

Yours sincerely
K. Krishna Rao

C. S. S. S. S. S.

No 2 Ripon Road.

Byculla, Bombay.

2nd March, 1898.

To, Sir, K. Meshadri Iyer, K.C.S.I.
Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

I beg to address you on a subject which, I think you will see to be of much benefit to the Mysore State, and to yourself, as the Prime Minister entrusted with its welfare.

I shall place the subject before you plainly, and as briefly as I can, with all candour, and leave the issue to your judgment.

It is this:— There is, as you are aware, a vast tract of Salt Land in the Mysore State, not far from Bangalore, capable of realizing an immense additional revenue to the State. I have not seen the place myself, but have seen a sample of the crude salt from below the surface of

of the ground. I am told that brine is also to be found there.

If such is the case, the locality, if properly worked, is worth more to the State than a gold mine, for Salt is always a certainly and constant in demand.

I, together with an Ex-Lieutenant Engineer of the Public Works (Retired) am the Sole Patentee of an improved process of manufacturing salt, whether from the Crude state, brine, or sea-water. There is no one else in all India who has thought of improving this important branch of industry and trade. And from all I have gleaned, I find the Crude Salt and brine in Mysore can be made into the purest marketable salt - both Table salt, equal to English imports, and for culinary purposes for the million, and supplied cheaper than the rates at present existing.

My process does away with the old fashioned mud pans where

where there is much loss through
soakage and blending with the earth
with slow evaporation.

My patent pans are of masonry
with cement facing, stone slabs,
and galvanized sheet-iron, and
the result is ten times the quantity
(with the purest quality) more
than the present system, in the
year.

The price of Salt at present in
Mysore is, I am informed Rs 5
per Bengal Maund. It can be
put into the market at Rs 3 or there-
abouts dependent upon the extra
amount of duty which the State
would wish for as a highly profit-
able fiscal undertaking.

I assume the British Govt duty of
Rs $2\frac{1}{8}$ per md. will be saved, and
the transit charge from Madras,
for the supply within the State
boundaries. Should there be
a treaty understanding with the
British Govt. the difficulty can be
overcome from the law in other
parts, and precedents on this par-
ticular subject, which I am fully
acquainted with. And the
whole working of Salt supply
to the State, and the revenue

be arranged exclusively for the benefit
of the State Treasury.

I have had more than twenty years
experience in this line, and am
acquainted with the manufacture
of all kinds in all parts of the
world, as this business is my spe-
ciality.

Should you be pleased to wish
to enter further into this matter
I shall be happy to be at your service
to explain all details and over-
come any difficulties that may
appear to be in the way, either with
regard to the British Govt, or in any
otherwise whatsoever, on your making
it worth my while to do so.

Meanwhile I guarantee my un-
dertaking under the security of
my patent royalty, to benefit the
State Treasury by an immense in-
crease in its revenue.

I hear certain adventurers are trying
to secure this tract of land for their
own benefit regardless of the State wel-
fare, but I know these parties are
not in a position, with regard to funds
and knowledge of manufacture &
working all round to undertake
& successfully carry out so highly
important a project.

Awaiting your favor, I am, Sir,
Very respectfully yours
Alexander Williams.

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From

A. Williams Esq.,
No. 2 Ripon Road,
Byculla, Bombay

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Rev. and Gen. Depts.

Dated 18th March/98

Despatched

Received

General No.

No.

Enclosure No.

Praying that he may
be temporarily attached
to the State in any suitable
capacity pending a favorable
opportunity for carrying
out his project of "Salt
manufacture on an
improved process" & request-
ing for a favorable reply
early in

References to be marked.

Submitted with old references
relating to manufacture of Surtw-salt
in Mysore arranged into one
file with an office note.

AM

30/3/98

a favorable opportunity for carrying out the project, which I feel sure will be seen to be highly beneficial to the State.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's most Obedt Servt.

A. Williams.

P. S. If desired I could furnish references from some of the leading native gentlemen here, Vizt Mr. Dinshah Edalji Vacha, Mr. Morarji Gokuldass &c, and a certificate from the Government Salt Department.

A.W.

No. 2 Kipow Road,
Byculla, Bombay,
18th March 1898.

To, Sir H. Sheshadri Iyer, K. C. S. I.
Dewan of Mysore.

Your Excellency,

With reference to my letter of the
2nd inst; regarding Salt Manufacture on
an improved process, and its immense
advantages, I beg respectfully to invite
Your Excellency's attention to the "Tir
of India" issue of the 16th inst; for the
notification of my patent under the
head of "Inventions & Designs", And to
Solicit the high favor of Your Excell-
ency being pleased to accord me a
favorable reply as I am holding over
in abeyance all minor negotiations pend-
ing Your favor. Should there be any
difficulty at the present moment, in
entering into the scheme propounded
in my first letter, I shall be glad
to be temporarily attached to the State
in any suitable capacity pending

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No. 2 Ripon Road.
Byculla, Bombay.
26. 8. 98.

To, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer Esq. KCS.
Dewan of Mysore.

Your Excellency,

With reference to my communications on the subject of Salt Works, I deem it necessary, in view of the delay to acquaint Your Excellency with the fact, that there are certain persons who are disappointed in participating in my patent, capable of trying to prejudice me and my efforts, in your estimations, through envy by anonymous letters &c.

If there is anything of the kind I sincerely trust such persons may not be allowed to succeed. I can at all times establish my bona fides as a

specialist — and the only one
in India — in regard to
Salt Manufacture, and the
business in general.

Awaiting the great favor
of an early answer,

I am
Your Excellency's most
obedient servant

Alex^r Williams.

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